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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JANUARY 19, 2000

APPLICATION OF

WEST ROCKINGHAM WATER COMPANY, INC.

CASE NO. PUE990882

For a general increase in rates

ORDER PERMITTING WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION

On November 10, 1999, West Rockingham Water Company, Inc. ("West Rockingham" or "the Company"), served its customers with a Notice of Increase in Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Service of West Rockingham Water Co., Inc. ("Notice"). In the Notice, the Company stated that it would change its tariffs effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2000.

As of December 21, 1999, the Commission's Division of Energy Regulation received complaints from twenty-nine (29) customers requesting a hearing in this matter. West Rockingham currently serves sixty-one (61) customers.

On December 30, 1999, the Commission issued an order suspending the Company's rates, tolls, and charges for sixty (60) days beginning January 1, 2000, and stating that a hearing and a procedural schedule would be set by subsequent order.

On January 4, 2000, West Rockingham filed a letter stating that since Rockingham County will be operating its system within

the foreseeable future, it wished to withdraw its request for a rate increase.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered West Rockingham's request, is of the opinion and finds that the Company should be permitted to withdraw its application. We also find that the Company should give notice to its customers of the withdrawal of its application. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) West Rockingham may withdraw its application for a rate increase in this matter.

(2) By bill message or insert, West Rockingham shall give notice to its customers of the withdrawal of its application.

(3) This matter is hereby DISMISSED without prejudice.

(4) The papers filed herein shall be placed in the Commission's files for ended causes.